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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Commissioner:

Applicant herewith files a new national stage application under 35 USC 371 of a PCT application. The Applicant submits the English translation of the original specification, an amendment under PCT Article 34 and the preliminary amendment attached hereto. Applicant provides a check to cover all filing fees, however, should there be any deficiencies or need for further extension applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extension and authorizes the Director to charge Applicant's charge account 50-2069.